



LOCALLY FUNDED PROJECT

FORTIFIED ORGANIC FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2018-2026



BACKGROUND

In support of the Supreme Court Mandamus for the rehabilitation, restoration and conservation of Manila Bay and its tributaries as held in its decision in GR. No. 171947-48, and to further support the objectives of the Ecological Waste Management Act of 2003 (RA 9003), the FPA implemented a Congress-initiated Organic Fertilizer Development Program (OFDP) in 2018, which geared towards the establishment of Composting Facility for Biodegradable Wastes (CFBW) in selected Local Government Units (LGUs) within the Manila Bay Region.

The project is implemented in collaboration with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) as to their technical expertise in the implementation of CFBW projects. It primarily involves the provision of subsidies to eligible LGU beneficiaries for the establishment of CFBWs, with each facility including a rotary composter and a shredding machine.

Interested LGUs express their intent to participate in the project by submitting a letter of intent to the FPA. The FPA then conducts a validation to determine the LGU's compliance with the selection criteria prescribed under FPA Office Order No. 12, s. 2018, as amended by Office Order No. 15, s. 2021 and Office Order No. 09, s. 2025. Upon successful validation, the FPA and the LGU then enter a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), after which the subsidy is transferred in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Eventually, the program allowed for the expansion of beneficiaries in other regions, which is also in line with the inclusion of the project in the FPA's climate change program. The program, now called the “Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program (FOFDP)”, contributes to DA’s strategy of sustainability of the soil and environment through balanced fertilization while providing LGU beneficiaries with alternative sources of fertilizer.



Since 2018, the FOFDP has been allocated funding under the General Appropriations Act (GAA), including Php 5 million (2018), Php 2.85 million (2021), Php 3 million (2023), Php 4 million (2024), Php 4 million (2025), and Php 4 million (2026), with cumulative subsidies amounting to Php 22.85 million. From 2018 to 2024, the program supported fifteen (15) LGU beneficiaries nationwide, resulting in the establishment of fourteen (14) composting facilities, nine (9) of which are currently operational. For FY 2025, the implementation strategy shifted from fund transfers to the transfer of CFBW units to LGU beneficiaries.

LGU BENEFICIARIES AND ALLOCATION

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount ('000 PhP)	Status
2018	Victoria, Laguna	750	Completed and liquidated Morong, Binangonan, and Caloocan units are operational Victoria unit had been ceased and deceased by DENR; Macabebe unit was operational until 2023 but has been damaged by Typhoon Karina and is currently not operational
	Macabebe, Pampanga	750*	
	Morong, Rizal	750	
	Binangonan, Rizal	750	
	City of Caloocan (2 units)	1,500	
	Sub-Total	4,500	
2021	Calatagan, Batangas	950	Completed and liquidated Pangil unit was operational until 2022 but no report was received from the LGU since 2023; Balayan and Calatagan units are not operational due to electricity issues
	Pangil, Laguna	950	
	Balayan, Batangas	950	
	Sub-Total	2,850	
2023	Legazpi City, Albay	1,000	Completed and liquidated Legazpi and Tanauan units are operational Bambang LGU had failed the procurement process
	Tanauan City, Batangas	1,000	
	Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya	1,000	
	Sub-Total	3,000	
2024	Bulan, Sorsogon	1,000	Completed and liquidated All units are operational
	Virac, Catanduanes	1,000	
	Polangui, Albay	1,000	
	Masbate City, Masbate	1,000	
	Sub-Total	4,000	
2025	Cordon, Isabela	1,000	Ongoing Modality shifted from fund transfer to transfer of directly procured CFBW Due to failed biddings, the project was unable to complete the procurement of the CFBWs. Appropriations were carried over as continuing funds for FY 2026.
	Libon, Albay	1,000	
	Pili, Camarines Sur	1,000	
	MOOE**	1,000	
	Sub-Total	4,000	
2026	Baao, Camarines Sur	1,000	Ongoing Modality shifted back to fund transfer
	Labo, Camarines Sur	1,000	
	Munoz, Nueva Ecija	1,000	
	MOOE*	1,000	
	Sub-Total	4,000	
	TOTAL as of 2026	22,350	

*unliquidated in the amount of 30,000 excess which was erroneously deposited to DA account

**expenses allocated for travel, training, laboratory analysis, and postage during validation, training, and monitoring activities

PHOTO DOCUMENTATIONS



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